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# H. R. 3216

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2013

Mr. KINGSTON (for himself and Mr. GOHMERT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. PAYMENT OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES FOR MEM-**  
2 **BERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND FEDERAL**  
3 **LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS DURING FED-**  
4 **ERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN OR DESPITE**  
5 **REACHING STATUTORY DEBT LIMIT.**

6 (a) CONTINUATION DURING A FEDERAL GOVERN-  
7 MENT SHUTDOWN.—During any funding gap during fiscal  
8 year 2014 when interim or full-year appropriations for the  
9 following activities have not been enacted, from amounts  
10 in the general fund of the Treasury not otherwise appro-  
11 priated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer to  
12 the head of the appropriate Executive agency such  
13 amounts as are necessary to continue such activities:

14 (1) The payment of pay and allowances for  
15 members of the Armed Forces (including reserve  
16 components thereof) on active duty.

17 (2) The payment of salaries and benefits for  
18 sworn Federal law enforcement officers.

19 (b) CONTINUATION DESPITE REACHING STATUTORY  
20 DEBT LIMIT.—In the event that the debt of the United  
21 States Government reaches the statutory limit as defined  
22 in section 3101 of title 31, United States Code, the fol-  
23 lowing shall take equal priority over all other obligations  
24 incurred by the United States Government:

1           (1) The payment of pay and allowances for  
2 members of the Armed Forces (including reserve  
3 components thereof) on active duty.

4           (2) The payment of salaries and benefits for  
5 sworn Federal law enforcement officers.

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